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1. Since OSO and OPC are faced with the necessity of producing estimates for 1951 and 1952 within the next month it seemed appropriate to raise the point of the mechanism necessary to handle the TRD budget, and the related problem of which office TRD is attached to for administrative purposes. This had previously been discussed in January but at that time was shelved due to the imminence of a major policy decision. At present such a decision has not been made. The TRD budget for 1951 has been sent via the Joint Training Committee and been approved by OSO and is now in COS' office. It will then have to be submitted to the Project Review Committee of CIA at which time representatives of OSO, or OPC or TRD must be present to justify it. Until representatives appear before the PRC, no money will be forthcoming for the use of training. There followed a discussion of the problems TRD faces budget-wise under the present arrangement and the difficulties that would be encountered if some of the training funds are allocated to OPC and some to OSO. Mr. [REDACTED] thought there were three possible solutions: 1) TRD prepare the budget estimate and handle it directly, including submission to PRC; 2) OSO prepare and administer the budget; or 3) OPC prepare and administer the budget. After further discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each it was agreed the best procedure would be to have TRD prepare the budget estimates and present them to the Joint Training Committee and then either OSO or OPC or jointly would present it to the CIA budget officer, making it clear that the budget is for training and that the allotment should come through one channel, either OSO or OPC whichever is later decided. The 1952 budget estimates will be called for in May and at that time both offices will defend it jointly before the PRC. It was further agreed that Mr. [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a would review various authorities for approval to see which ones might be delegated to TRD in order to simplify administration.

2. 25X1A9a presented a memorandum suggesting the appointment of a committee to review TRD instruction, procedures and facilities. Both Mr. [REDACTED] felt the appointment of such a committee was a very necessary and desirable thing, but suggested that item 3d be omitted from consideration by the committee. They both felt that after presentation of the facts by this committee, that the Joint Training Committee in conjunction with Chief, TRD should make any decisions regarding numbers and grades

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in the T/O of TRD. Several persons were suggested as possible representatives from OSO and OPC to serve on this committee and Mr. [REDACTED] will consider possibilities further and notify [REDACTED] of their representatives. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

3. [REDACTED] raised the question of the caliber of lectures by guest speakers. It was agreed that TRD should send a memorandum to the course directors of the OC and AOC requesting them to attend all lectures given by guest speakers to analyze them in order to discover the weaknesses that make them ineffective and suggestions for improvement. After such reports are received, they will be presented to the Joint Training Committee who will take action. 25X1A9a

4. It was agreed that OPC and OSO will handle directly enrollments for SIS, Industrial College, and National War College. TRD will continue to enroll its own personnel into such schools.

5. The question of rotation of TRD personnel was considered. Even though TRD is short of instructor personnel it is felt that those persons who have been in training for a number of years should be reassigned. TRD is presently preparing data as to date of assignment to CIA, to TRD, overseas experience, HQ experience and data available for overseas assignment for all TRD personnel. This information will then be sent to the Joint Training Committee.

6. [REDACTED] reported on his trip to Georgia Institute of Technology to recruit personnel for OSI, OSO, OPC, and TRD. Although 65 persons at Georgia had signed up to be interviewed, only twenty were available; the others had committed themselves to other positions. Actually 15 reported for assessment tests, of whom about 3 were passable candidates. [REDACTED] worked closely with Mr. [REDACTED] of SED and he would like to present a plan whereby Assessment could work with SED as a recruiting and assessment team. Messrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] spent three days at Georgia Tech with negligible results. It was the opinion of Mr. [REDACTED] that no further trips of this type should be scheduled in which Assessment would participate. [REDACTED] was requested to prepare a report of his trip giving his conclusions for presentation to the Joint Training Committee through Chief, TRD. The Joint Training Committee will then take the matter up with SED. The suggestion was made that perhaps the type of college visited was the reason for the lack of good candidates--it would not appear that engineering students would wish to make a career of intelligence work. [REDACTED] suggested contacting students of the type desired at the end of their junior or beginning of their senior year before they had made other commitments. [REDACTED] felt that the type of personnel desired by CIA could best be found in faculty members of colleges--assistant or associate professors; this would require recruitment be done on a covert basis. It was agreed that the Joint Training Committee should meet again on Tuesday, 18 April at 2:00 p.m. with [REDACTED] to consider the grades and justification therefor of the psychologists on the Assessment Staff. In the meantime Mr. [REDACTED] will review the report of job descriptions prepared by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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